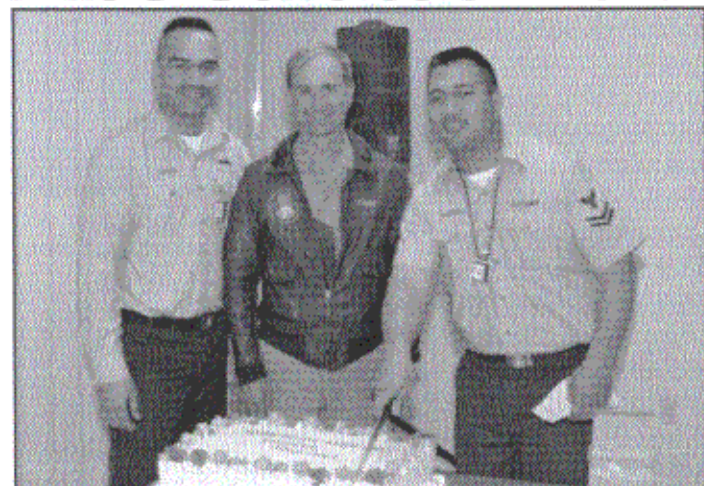




## Abe salutes Asian-Pacific Sailors



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Capt. D K Dupouy helps MS2 Penitusi and EM2 Saelua cut a cake to honor Pacific-Asian Sailors during Wednesday's celebration.

By JO3 Jason Tross  
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Abe Sailors got caught up in the spirit of the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month held all May long at a celebration put together by the USS Abraham Lincoln American Heritage Committee on the berthing barge, May 21 at 10:00 am.

This year's theme, "Emerging Together," was written in frosting on the cake MS2 Rennie Penitusi, of Samoa, made. He addressed the subject in a very personal

speech he put together. Penitusi is the oldest of 32 siblings.

"The Navy changed me from gang life and drugs. The Navy has no tolerance for that lifestyle," he said. "I've been up and down in the Navy," said Penitusi. "It changed how people looked at me," he said.

He also pointed out how he saw his family members' views change toward him.

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## Students get smart with Abe Sailors

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Since mid-April, shortly following USS Abraham Lincoln's arrival in Bremerton for its six-monthlong yard period, numerous Sailors decided that, in addition to getting the carrier ready for future deployments, they would get perhaps something more important ready for life. Kids.

The children of nearby Jackson Park Elementary have grown accustomed to seeing Abe Sailors make their Wednesday and Thursday morning visits. In all, approximately 30 Sailors from USS Abraham Lincoln spend several hours per week helping kindergarten

through sixth-grade students read, write and solve mathematical problems.

According to IT1(SW) Kimberly K. Love, Automated Information Systems, helping kids is just something that helps everyone in the long run. "It made me realize what the kids in the community need. They need extra help. The teachers are happy to see us, and the kids get the extra help they need. Not all teachers can help 25 to 30 kids per day by themselves. We help the children with math, reading, writing, music, and physical education," said Love.

As for what volunteering does for the kids, Love explains is not a one-way street. Everyone wins. "I love to help kids. It sheds a good light on USS Abraham



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IT1(SW) Kimberly Love helps first-grader Michael Serfico with English lessons on the computer.

Lincoln. We came right out and started to help out the community. We're just try-

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